

A check has been made of the present main users of the Industrial Cards to ascertain how the cards are now being used and what changes should be made to improve the service. Following are the results:

ID. Army, Logistics Branch. (Major Gilmore). Now receives two sets. (A set consists of two copies of each card plus additional copies of cards describing a plant which falls within more than one industrial category - one card for each category. The idea is to have users file one copy by industrial category, and the other by city or area). Logistics is filing the cards alphabetically by city within industrial category only. The others are simply being held for possible transportation out of the city. One entire set can be dispensed with.

ID. Army, Special Distribution. (Mr. Larkin). Now receives one set which is filed as indicated. Serves purposes satisfactorily.

ID. Army, Far East Command. Cards are filed as indicated in Tokyo. Command is far behind in processing available intelligence material; is stated to use cards for reference purposes against new information.

ID. Army. European Command. (Information furnished by [redacted] FDB). Cards are filed by location and by industrial code at ECIC, Oberursel, Germany. They are used to check on 300-500 items of industrial information a week and 40 per week of Top Secret items, [redacted] etc.). About 50 people are employed at this Intelligence Center, of which there are about ten military and the balance U.S. civilians. They have in their possession the "Wehrmachts Betriebe," (Industrial Activities of the Armed Forces), consisting of 15,000 cards inherited from the Germans giving the name and products of the German war industrial plants. These they hope to process or send to the U.S. in due course. [redacted]

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ID. Army. European Command. (Information furnished by [redacted] FDB). A second set is filed at the 7821 Composite Group at Munich. Captain Waldman, in charge, did not state how they were used nor was a visit to his office permitted. He did indicate that the information was satisfactory.

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ID. ARMY. U.S. Forces, Austria. (Information furnished by  25X1

[FDB]. This Vienna Headquarters had no cards but they made specific request for a set, which has been forwarded to them. Intelligence has 50 people, half military and half U.S. civilian, and they intend to use the cards in brushing up for and checking interrogations. The Salzburg branch of Intelligence has 40 people, but they do not desire the cards as they feel they are sufficiently well posted from their own reports and gazetteers. (A set of the cards processed between July and December of 1947 is on its way to Vienna).

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OMGUS. (Information furnished by  FDB). 25X1

Colonel Peter Rhodes, Director of Intelligence, Berlin, at present has a very small staff and few records. He is about to be moved to Nuremburg, where he will organize an intelligence center. He has expressed a desire for a set of the cards for use at the time he gets into operation at Nuremburg.

ONI. The Navy, as indicated by Commander G. D. Houllard, uses only part of the Industrial Cards, namely those pertaining to "Naval" industries, and those having information on industrial centers within 25 miles of the coast and of navigable waterways. These are taken as received and filed in the Commander's office for ready reference, by location and by industry. The remainder are sent for storage and possible future use to the Navy Archives.

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State, Division of Intelligence. Mr. Wiedemann states that the cards have not been used as originally intended for the purpose of making individual plant figures balance with industrial totals, and he doubts the possibility of this for a long time to come. Moreover, he has so few personnel that he has had to stack the cards instead of filing them. He would be willing to accept a mechanically produced index report in lieu of the cards themselves, with the understanding that he can call on CIA for a report or a group of Industrial Cards at any time on short notice. He complains that he has found errors of translation in the cards as against his original reading of "Pravda", and hopes steps can be taken to have the translations more carefully checked.

Army Map Service, Corps of Engineers, U.S. Army. Mr. Vogler finds the cards of use in the Town Intelligence phase of Engineer Intelligence. Of primary use are cards relating to power plants and manufacturers of construction equipment and of construction and demolition materials. Certain types of tools are of importance, others are not. Labor market is important. The detailed information on the cards is definitely necessary, and a machine index run, while useful along with the cards, would not of itself suffice. At present, the cards, (one copy only), when received are filed by city. It would be an improvement if the sources indicated on the cards could be evaluated.

Air Intelligence, A-2. Mr. Keller states that the cards are useful in their present form as are other informational documents. One set is received, a card going into the unprocessed backlog of each industrial specialist for eventual processing into a plant target jacket, or if such a jacket already exists, directly into same. The other card is being stacked, the intention being eventually to sort by installation or aerial chart. Mr. Coker wonders when the inflow of cards will be resumed. He has on occasion stated that some of the extraction performed at Malabird was incomplete and more careful extraction should be maintained. A written memorandum has also been received from A-2 requesting that a transportation card be inaugurated as rapidly as possible.

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[redacted] et al). Various representatives of OKE who have frequent needs for consulting the cards feel that the service should be expanded as rapidly as possible to (1) bring all information up to date on Russia, (2) process satellites up to date, (3) industrial information up to date, (5) start punching index cards on products, volume of production, manpower and transportation.

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indicated that FDS finds ready use for the cards in checking material to be translated for accuracy, previous history, terminology and logic. FDS receives one set, plus one card which are filed by installation, by location (city), and by card number. This is a satisfactory arrangement, but they would like to be brought up to date.

CONCLUSION: The cards should first be brought up to date on Russia, then on the satellites (the expansion of this coverage to the satellites is presently not encompassed in the ICP program). There is about a three months' lag awaiting process, and the register is still losing ground, though less so than formerly. In the meantime, the question of resumption of distribution, which is in the minds of most of the recipients, should receive front-office consideration from the typist angle.

A paper is being circulated for approval of the interested IAC agencies for the commencement of a transportation card.

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